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Yippies Plan to Spend Peanuts On an Inauguration of Nobody

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While Jimmy Carter is being sworn in as the 39th president of the United States on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Jan. 20, Nobody will be taking the oath as president down on the Washington Monument Grounds.

In swearing in Nobody, the Youth International Party (Yippies) and the Nobody for President Campaign are staging the one major counter-inaugural event of this inauguration year.

The event promises to be a far cry from the protest atmosphere of the two previous inaugurations. Even the immense peanut that will be the chief decoration at the swearing-in of Nobody will play an ambivalent part in the demonstration.

IN 1969, WITH the Vietnam war protest at its peak, the first inauguration of Richard Nixon saw 119 demonstrators arrested during three days of anti-inaugural activities.

That year, for the first time in history, a president of the United States had curses, jeers and rocks

hurled at him as his limousine led the inaugural parade up Pennsylvania Avenue. Eighty-two demonstrators were arrested that day.

In 1973, an estimated 30,000 demonstrators marched down Constitution Avenue from the Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Monument while the parade honoring Nixon moved up Pennsylvania Avenue. The march, sponsored by the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, was one of several staged that day.

Not that the organizers of this year's protest are enthusiastic about Jimmy Carter, or, more accurately, about some of the company he keeps. But they concede that the mood is a lot gentler now than it was in 1969 or even 1973, when they produced what they regard as their all-time piece de resistance — a giant rat figure with a face like Richard Nixon's.

Alan Jules Webberman of New York City, one of the organizers of the Nobody for President ceremony who applied for a permit for the demonstration on the Monument Grounds on Jan. 20, said yesterday, "With Nixon,

we knew where he was at, he was an evil person, symbolized by the rat. Carter is an unknown commodity. We're willing to give everybody an even break. We want to wait and see how Jimmy Carter does. He seems like an all-right guy but I have a feeling the people around him will have the say because he's new to the scene."

A PEANUT ABOUT 50 feet long and 10 feet high will be the chief decoration at the ceremony. The organizers aren't sure just how the peanut will be used. "The peanut might open up and all kinds of things will come out. They could be good things or bad things," Webberman said. Among the bad things probably will be people dressed like some of the people around Carter that the organizers don't like, such as Zbigniew Brzezinski, Polish-born Columbia University professor who was Carter's top foreign policy adviser during the campaign. Webberman said Brzezinski comes from the "exile, right-wing tradition" and is "scary."

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